

## House Resolution 1044

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55<sup>th</sup>, Long of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Jones of the 44<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 90th birthday of Mr. John Oscar Boone; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. John Oscar Boone diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable  
3 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state with  
4 over 60 years dedicated to prison rehabilitation and reform; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a master's  
6 degree in social work from Atlanta University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career in penal reform, Mr. Boone served as  
8 Superintendent for the Lorton Federal Corrections Complex, Community Relations Officer  
9 of Corrections for Massachusetts, and Chief of the Classification and Parole Division for the  
10 U.S. Federal Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana; and
- 11 WHEREAS, devoted to educating others about the prison systems of this nation, Mr. Boone  
12 served as Director for Crime and Corrections Research at the Southern Regional Council and  
13 served on the faculty of Atlanta University, Boston University, Clark University, and  
14 Northeastern University; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone was instrumental in the implementation of the Federal Rehabilitation  
16 Act of 1965 and represented the United States in Vietnam as a member of the International  
17 Prison Evaluation Team; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he served as the first African American Commissioner of Corrections for  
19 Massachusetts where his leadership and guidance brought forth many innovative and  
20 progressive programs that are still in use today; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone's commitment and dedication have been recognized with over 200  
22 awards and citations, including Man of the Year and Newsmaker of the Year by the *Boston*  
23 *Globe*; and

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and honor, and by the example he has made of his life and  
26 the great service he has given to this country, he makes this world a better place in which to  
27 live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized during this very  
28 special and memorable time of his life.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in commending Mr. John Oscar Boone on the occasion of his  
31 90th birthday and wishing him many more years of happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Oscar Boone.